

Edgewood Community Advisory Board
Meeting Date: September 10, 2015

A. Call to Order: 7 pm

B. Roll Call:

- ☐ Lawrence Montgomery Jr
- ☐ N. Quynh Budzynski
- ☐ Cara Middendorf
- ☐ Christine Holthaus
- ☐ Jansen Robinson
- ☐ Kimberly Bean
- ☐ Karla Simon
- ☐ Diane Rucker Welsh
- ☐ Denise D. Montgomery
- ☐ _____
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C. Pledge/Prayer

D. Approval of Minutes

E. Acknowledgments/Recognitions of individuals within the community:

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F. Old Business:

- a. Last ECAB meeting held May 14th, 2015, before summer break
 - b. Proposed Homeless Shelter update from August 24th, 2015, held at the Edgewood Library-informal meeting to discuss the location and purpose of the shelter property adjacent to Home Depot (off of Rt 40) right across from West Shore housing development. Many concerned citizens from the local and surrounding areas attended with standing room only. Councilmen Beulah and Perrone were leading the meeting. Very few concrete facts were available for proposal of the shelter other than:
 - Proposed location
 - Construction of a 200 bed facility, run by a local committee called Hope for the Homeless (has not yet completed application for non-profit status)
 - Type of structure-permanent, flexible, tent like material that withstands hurricane winds/storms
 - 24 hour facility, as they would not turn out the individuals during the day
- Citizens from the community voiced the following concerns:
- Timeframe of Public Notice was not handled correctly
 - Who will manage the facility; will they be licensed, what type of oversight for the comings and goings of the individuals living at the shelter?
 - Access to services for the homeless in the facility
 - Plan had not been completely thought out, and would need more time to address concerns voiced by the public
 - Evidence/proof of actual counted homeless individuals within Edgewood-
 - Safety and wellbeing for both the homeless individuals and the community residents (drugs, crime, traffic, travel, etc)
 - Overall size of the facility, concerns that it is not a viable option, suggested looking into smaller bed sized multiple facilities instead;
 - Actual location (near a developed residential community), proposal to build near marsh land, etc
- Overwhelming majority opinion to vote against the proposal
Resulted in cancelation of the formal community meeting in September

H. New Business:

10-15 mins. a. *Episcopal Housing Corporation*, (representative Shannon Snow) and New Hope Christian Fellowship have partnered to develop a new, 50-unit, mixed income apartment building on the site where New Hope is currently located; presenting preliminary drawings and explain Episcopal Housing and their

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experience as a developer. This project will be submitted for funding through the State Department of Housing and Community Development.

b. Edgewood Farmer's Market has moved from the original location at the Edgewood MARC train station to the EPICENTER in Edgewood at 1918 Pulaski Highway, Edgewood MD 21040. Each Farmer's market will occur on the 3rd Thursday of the month through October 2015.

c. Other: TBD

I. Board Committee(s) Report:

Committee(s):

J. Harford County Government Update:

K. Questions from Citizens:

L. Meeting adjournment: